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ASSEMBLY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE WHICH G-77 ARE GIVING  
THE PRESS PM DECEMBER 20. BY DELIVERING IT TO THE UN  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION, DOCUMENT WILL BECOME  
DE FACTO PART OF THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE 31ST SESSION  
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2. QUOTE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE GROUP OF 77 DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES

FOLLOWING THE DECISION OF THE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING  
IN THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION NOT TO  
CONVENE THE CONCLUDING MINISTERIAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 15 TO  
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17, 1976 AND TO HOLD THAT MEETING IN THE FIRST PART OF 1977, THE  
GROUP OF 77 MET AT U.N. HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK ON DECEMBER 16,  
1976, TO CONSIDER THE SITUATION. THE GROUP TOOK NOTE OF THAT  
DECISION.

2. THE GROUP ALSO NOTED THAT, AS MINISTER PEREZ GUERRERO, THE  
CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE, STATED TO THE PRESS:"THE DEVELOP-

ING COUNTRIES OF THE GROUP OF 19 WERE PREPARED TO MEET ON THE ORIGINAL DATES, BUT THEY HAVE ACCEPTED THE POSTPONEMENT IN VIEW OF THE ARGUMENT ADVANCED THAT AT THIS TIME SOME INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES OF THE GROUP OF 8 ARE NOT ABLE TO ASSUME THE POLITICAL POSITION WHICH WILL ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE AND THAT EARLY IN THE NEXT YEAR THE PROSPECTS APPEAR FAVOURABLE. THE INITIATIVE FOR THE POSTPONEMENT DID NOT COME FROM THE GROUP OF 19 BUT IT AROSE FROM THE GROUP OF 8."

3. THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RESTRICTED CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WOULD SEEK TO TRANSLATE INTO ACTION THE AGREEMENTS AND UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED AT THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALSO SEEK NEW AREAS OF AGREEMENT ON ISSUES AFFECTING THE WORLD ECONOMY. THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXPECTED THE CONFERENCE TO LEAD TO CONCRETE ACTION TO RESOLVE THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE INEQUITABLE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THEREBY PROMOTE THE PROSPERITY OF ALL NATIONS, THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. THIS EXPECTATION WAS REINFORCED BY THE CONSENSUS REACHED AT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CONCRETE ACTION TO RESOLVE THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN CERTAIN SPECIFIC AREAS.

4. THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED THAT AFTER A WHOLE YEAR, DURING WHICH THEIR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS HAVE CONTINUED TO DETERIORATE, NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN REGISTERED AT THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC

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COOPERATION, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE CONFERENCE WAS TO HAVE SUBMITTED ITS FINAL CONCLUSIONS TO THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN DECEMBER 1976.

5. THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE PRESENTED DETAILED AND SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR CONCRETE ACTION IN ALL THE AREAS OF THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE. THERE HAS BEEN NO POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THESE PROPOSALS FROM THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; THE FEW PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THEM WERE LIMITED IN NATURE.

6. IT IS IN THIS PERSPECTIVE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ITS RESOLUTION 31-14, HAS EXPRESSED ITS DEEP CONCERN AND DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE FAILURE OF THE CONFERENCE TO ACHIEVE ANY CONCRETE RESULTS SO FAR, AND ITS PROFOUND CONCERN AT THE ADVERSE EFFECT WHICH THE FAILURE OF THE CONFERENCE WILL HAVE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THE ASSEMBLY HAS URGED ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN PARIS, ESPECIALLY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE AND TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

7. WHILE TAKING NOTE OF THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE CONCLUDING MINISTERIAL MEETING, THE GROUP OF 77 AFFIRMS THE HOPE AND EXPECTATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND POSITIVE AND CONCRETE RESULTS IN ALL AREAS UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE FORTHCOMING AT THE MEETING WHICH SHOULD BE HELD IN THE EARLY PART OF 1977. THE GROUP EXPECTS THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ALSO TO DEMONSTRATE THE NECESSARY POLITICAL WILL AND VISION REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL AND REAL PROGRESS IN THE DIALOGUE AND TO PROMOTE SOLUTIONS TO THE GRAVE AND URGENT PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE WORLD ECONOMY. THE GROUP OF 77 RE-ITERATES ITS CONVICTION THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SUBSTANTIVE AND CONCRETE RESULTS IN ALL AREAS OF MAJOR CONCERN IS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE. THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER MARGINAL RESULTS ON PERIPHERAL ISSUES AS CONSTITUTING SUCH A SUCCESS.

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8. THE GROUP OF 77 ALSO ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TAKING PLACE IN OTHER FORA, PARTICULARLY IN THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ON COMMODITIES, INCLUDING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON FUND, THEMULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND FORTHCOMING MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON THE PROBLEM OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

9. THE GROUP OF 77 WISHES TO EMPHASIZE ONCE AGAIN THE CENTRAL ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECIDED IN ITS RESOLUTION 31/14 "TO CONSIDER DURING ITS PRESENT SESSION THE RESULTS OF THE CONCLUDING MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION" WHICH HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED TO THE EARLYPART OF THE NEXT YEAR. IN VIEW OF THIS, THE GROUP OF 77 CONSIDERS THAT THE PRESENT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD NOT BE CLOSED ON THE SCHEDULED DATE. A RESUMED MEETING OF THE 31ST SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE CONVENED IN THE EARLY PART OF 1977 TO CIN- SIDER THE RESULTS OF THE CONCLUDING MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND OTHER RELEVANT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE UNDERWAY.

10. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE GROUP OF 77 EXPRESSED THE GENERAL DESIRE TO CONSIDER CONVENING A MEETING OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH POLITICAL LEVEL TO ASSESS THE SITUATION AND TO -CO-ORDINATE THEIR STRATEGY.

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